

***Celebrating California's Juvenile Court Centennial Conference  
December 4-6, 2003***

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***FRIDAY, December 5, 2003***

**WORKSHOPS**

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***10:20–11:50 a.m. Workshop Session IV***

***IV-A A Critical Intersection: Adolescent Brain Development, Substance Abuse, and Exposure to Violence***



Dr. Chamberlain will describe the brain's growth spurt during adolescence and the long-term implications of substance abuse and exposure to violence during this period of heightened vulnerability. The physical, emotional, behavioral, and cognitive effects of adolescent exposure to violence will be discussed, and a case study presented to demonstrate opportunities for assessment and intervention.

***Dr. Linda Chamberlain***, M.P.H., Director, Alaska Family Violence Prevention Project, State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

***IV-B Tribal Programs, Tribal Courts***

California has the largest population of Indian people of any state in the nation and is home to over 100 federally recognized tribes, each working to assert self-determination and sovereignty. Assertion of sovereignty, coupled with the proliferation of gaming, has greatly increased the visibility of tribes, the challenges and resources available to tribes, and the frequency of interaction with state agencies. This panel discussion will focus on the exercise of tribal judicial authority in California, including development of tribal courts and collateral programs and services.

***Hon. Richard Blake***, Presiding Judge, Hoopa Valley Tribal Court

***Mr. Jerry Gardner***, Executive Director, Tribal Law and Policy Institute, West Hollywood

***Ms. Mary J. Risling***, Attorney and Consultant, Arcata

***IV-C The PIP: Child and Family Services Review Program Improvement Plan and the Courts***

In California's present challenging economy, federal dollars for California child welfare programs and services are more crucial than ever. California's failure of the most recent Title IV-B, Children and Family Services Review in September 2002 could potentially jeopardize millions of dollars of federal funds for services for children and families. This panel discussion focuses on the review process and why California failed to pass the review. The California Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan and the

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implementation of the California Child and Family Review System, required by Assembly Bill 636, will be discussed, as will national trends based on results from other states. Learn how the collaboration between the courts and child welfare agencies could be critical to passing the next California Child and Family Services Review.

**Moderator: Ms. Aleta Beaupied**, Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts

**Mr. Wes Beers**, Branch Chief, Children Services Operations, and Evaluations, California Department of Social Services

**Mr. William L. Grimm**, Senior Attorney, National Center for Youth Law

**Mr. Mark Hardin**, Director, NCWRCLJI, ABA Center on Children and the Law

### **IV-D Gangs on the Street; Gangs in Prison**

This workshop will examine the relationship between street and prison gangs. Addressing such questions as what happens when street gangs are institutionalized with rival gang members and what are the repercussions?

**Mr. Robby Robinson**, Deputy Probation Officer II, Specialized Gang Unit, Los Angeles County Probation Department

### **IV-E Promising Probation Practices: The San Diego Breaking Cycles Program**

Breaking Cycles is a multiagency, geographically diverse program designed to deter youth from delinquency by focusing prevention and intervention programs on at-risk youth and their families, and by improving the juvenile justice and community response to juvenile offenders through a system of graduated sanctions. This workshop will present an overview of the program, including information regarding the implementation process, primary program components, and lessons learned.

**Ms. Kim Allen**, Probation Director, San Diego County Probation Department

**Dr. Cynthia Burke**, Director, Criminal Justice Research Division, San Diego Association of Governments

### **IV-F Where Have All the Siblings Gone and How Did They Get There: Federal Adoption Assistance, Concurrent Planning, and the Right to Association**

What rights do siblings have to associate with one another when trapped in the child dependency legal maelstrom? How have Concurrent Planning and Federal Adoption subsidies frustrated siblings' rights and state statutes? How have conflicts of interest in representing multiple siblings affected the fairness of dependency proceedings? These and other topics will be discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to ask significant questions.

**Mr. William Wesley Patton**, Director, Whittier Law School Legal Policy Clinic

### **IV-G Appeals and Writs in California Dependency Cases: A Primer for Trial Attorneys**

This workshop will discuss what attorneys in dependency cases need to know about appeals, traditional writs, and rule 39.1B writs. Course materials include sample forms.

**Ms. Donna W. Furth**, Attorney, San Francisco County

**Ms. Janet G. Sherwood**, Attorney, Marin County

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### **IV-H Parenting in the Aftermath of Domestic Violence**



This presentation will review the current literature on the impact of domestic violence on children, and on parenting styles that can ameliorate the negative impacts of violence. It will examine the obstacles that courts face in supporting families struggling with issues of violence, and the strengths courts bring to this process.

**Hon. Donna J. Hitchens**, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco

**Dr. Patricia Van Horn**, Director, Child Trauma Research Project, San Francisco General Hospital

### **IV-I An Introduction to Juvenile Domestic Violence Courts**



This workshop will explain the implementation and operation of two different models of juvenile domestic violence court including the creative access of community resources. It will describe how the court saves money and saves lives. Former court clients will be present to share their stories.

**Moderator: Ms. Lisa Lightman**, Court Analyst, AOC Executive Office Programs Division

**Hon. Eugene Michael Hyman**, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara

**Mr. Kurt Kumli**, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office; Judicial Council Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

**Hon. Donna M. Petre**, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo

### **IV-J Understanding, Accessing, and Advocating for Mental Health and for Behavioral Support Services**

Through a case study, participants in this session will learn how to identify and advocate for the mental health and behavioral services children may need in order to remain in the least restrictive environment, relying on evidence-based practices. They will also learn to identify the programs and agencies that are required to serve children with special needs. Panelists will lead a discussion about how to work with community advocates, such as Protection and Advocacy, Inc. that have expertise in advocating for children's mental health and behavioral support services.

**Moderator: Mr. Dave Neilsen**, Chief, Family and Children Services, California Department of Mental Health

**Ms. Melinda Bird**, Managing Attorney, Protection & Advocacy, Inc., Sacramento

**Ms. Anne Lukito**, Advocate, Protection & Advocacy, Inc., Sacramento

**Ms. Sherri Rita**, Staff Attorney, Protection & Advocacy, Inc., Sacramento

**Ms. Maggie Roberts**, Staff Attorney, Protection & Advocacy, Inc., Oakland

### **IV-K Engaging the Media**

This workshop will address how to build positive media relationships and engage local media outlets (print, radio, and television) in positive issues related to the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Panelists will discuss (1) building relationships with the media, (2) developing a media plan, and (3) using the *Stories from the California Juvenile Court* CD as an outreach tool.

**Ms. Robin Allen**, Executive Director, California CASA Association

**Mr. Joe McHugh**, Producer, American Family Stories Project, Olympia, Washington

**Hon. Arnold D. Rosenfield**, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma

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**1:45–3:15 p.m.      Workshop Session V**

**V-A      *Supporting Caregivers as Permanency Resources: Ensuring Lifelong Connections for Children***

Foster and kinship caregivers provide the daily care for children in foster care, yet are often not included in the processes that affect them. Caregiver frustration with “the system,” studies show, is a major factor contributing to the shortage of foster homes. This workshop will review varied statutory approaches to the role of caregivers and will provide insights into the important role caregivers play in providing information for decision making and ensuring permanency for children who cannot return home. Information on state and national efforts to implement federal policies requiring caregivers to have an opportunity to be heard at juvenile court hearings will be discussed as well as efforts to ensure that children have permanent connections with caring adults before exiting the foster care system.

**Ms. Regina Deihl**, Executive Director, Legal Advocates for Permanent Parenting, Inc. (LAPP), San Francisco

**Ms. Cecilia Fiermonte**, Attorney, American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law, Washington, D.C.

**Ms. Pat Reynolds-Harris**, Director, California Permanency for Youth Project  
**Samantha Segall**, Former Foster Youth

**V-B      *Effective Parent Interventions for High-Risk Families in Social Service Systems: Systematic Review and Recommendations***

Parent education and parent training programs are usually recommended/required by the court for many types of high-risk families (i.e., juvenile dependency, family court services/mediation, guardianship and adoption, foster care). This presentation will review the major parent interventions, examine the evidence to support these programs, and make recommendations on evidence-based programs with these types of high-risk families.

**Dr. Jean McGrath**, Psychologist, CAARE Diagnostic and Treatment Center, University of California Davis Children’s Hospital

**Dr. Anthony Urquiza**, Director, Mental Health Services and Clinical Research, CAARE Diagnostic and Treatment Center, Department of Pediatrics, University of California Davis Children’s Hospital

**Dr. Nancy Zebell**, Psychologist, CAARE Diagnostic and Treatment Center, University of California Davis Children’s Hospital

**V-C      *Relinquishment, Termination, and “Likely to Be Adopted”***

This workshop presents a discussion of relinquishment and termination of parental rights. “Likely to be adopted” is defined.

**Moderator: Hon. Patricia Bresee**, Commissioner (Ret.), Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo

**Ms. Pat Aguiar**, Bureau Chief, California Department of Social Services, Foster Care Branch

**Mr. Martin Brandfon**, Attorney, San Mateo County

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**Mr. Stuart Oppenheim**, Northern Regional Director, San Mateo County Human Services Agency

**V-D *Building Power and Spirit: Successful Strategies for Working With Young Women***

Leaders of the Center for Young Women's Development will share their nationally renowned strategies and the success and challenges of working to change the lives of young female serious offenders. The Center for Young Women's Development is one of the nation's first social service agencies completely run by young adult women who have themselves been homeless, incarcerated, and on the streets. They have built impressive programs that meet young women where they are, yet challenge them to rise up to lead healthier lives. Ms. Simon has been named as a 2003 recipient of a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" for her work with young women.

**Ms. Lateefah Simon**, Executive Director, Center for Young Women's Development  
*Youth, To be announced*

**V-E *Widening the Circle of Justice: A Statewide Approach to Balanced and Restorative Justice in California***

This workshop will discuss how California can learn from the Colorado experience in implementing balanced and restorative justice (BARJ). The workshop will address how to (1) implement the vision of community partners engaging in the prevention and repair of harm, while working toward safe and healthy communities; (2) foster understanding of restorative community justice principles, values, and practices; and (3) provide leadership, tools, training, and support to help communities embrace restorative community justice.

**Moderator: Hon. Arnold D. Rosenfield**, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma

**Ms. Anne Rogers**, Executive Director, Forum on Restorative Community Justice, Denver, Colorado

**V-F *Art + Science = Good Decisions: A Summary of the Research on the Impact of CASA***

For the past 26 years CASA volunteers have played an important role in helping abused and neglected children through the dependency process. But what do we really know about the measurable impact of CASA? This workshop will discuss the results of 20 studies, both published and unpublished, on the objective impact of CASA in three areas: court representation, the dependency process, and child status outcomes. Attendees will be given information that can be used for allocation of resources, grant applications, strategic plans, and self-reflection and evaluation.

**Ms. Robin Allen**, Executive Director, California CASA Association

**Mr. Davin Youngclarke**, Behavioral Scientist, University of California at San Francisco, Fresno Family Practice

**V-G *Judicial Oversight of Visitation in Child Protection Cases***



This workshop will focus on visitation in the context of child protection cases. It will review the law regarding visitation, the importance of visitation to children, to parents, to family reunification, and to the successful permanent plan for the child. Child development considerations will also be discussed—that is, what visitation plan will best serve the developmental needs of the child.

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**Dr. David E. Arredondo**, Medical Director, EMQ Children and Family Services, Campbell

**Hon. Leonard P. Edwards**, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara; Immediate Past President, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

### **V-H Protective Orders: Multiple Cases, Multiple Courts**

Juvenile, criminal, and family law courts are required, by January 1, 2004, to have local rules for information sharing regarding child custody orders and criminal protective orders. Find out what other courts are doing to comply with the law, and avoid conflicting court orders. Panelists will discuss their local rules' development and implementation issues.

**Dr. E. Ronald Hulbert**, Deputy Executive Officer, Superior Court of California, County of Riverside

**Hon. Margaret S. Johnson**, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara

### **V-I No Longer "Boutiques": Dependency Drug Courts Going to Scale**

With an estimated 70 percent–80 percent of dependency cases resulting from underlying substance abuse and addiction, dependency courts nationwide have implemented a variety of drug court models. These courts provide intensive supervision and a team approach to promote compliance with court-ordered treatment and to facilitate permanency for children in foster care. The workshop will review national evaluations, discuss programs in California that use modified drug court models to expand systemwide, and present funding options for these programs.

**Moderator: Hon. James R. Milliken**, Presiding Judge, Juvenile and Family Court, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

**Hon. Carol Chrisman**, Referee, Dependency Drug Court, Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento

**Mr. West Irvin**, Manager, California Department of Social Services

**Ms. Jane Pfeifer**, Post Training Coordinator, Consultant, National Drug Court Institute

### **V-J Diverting Family Law Cases From the Dependency System: Collaboration, Communication, and Resource Connection**

A discussion of how court systems may divert high-risk child custody cases from the juvenile dependency system by the exercise of judicial leadership, networking and creativity; actively connecting clients with supportive community resources; accessing grants; maximizing communication and collaboration between family court services and the child protection agency.

**Mr. Steve Baron**, Director, Family Court Services, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara

**Hon. Dolores A. Carr**, Supervising Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara

### **V-K Inside the California Court of Appeal: Unveiling the Mystery**

The focus of the panel will be to give people a sense of how cases are decided in the appellate courts and how effective advocacy at both the appellate and trial levels can help the court and lead to better decision making.

**Moderator: Mr. Gary Seiser**, Deputy Counsel, San Diego County Counsel's Office



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**Hon. Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian**, Associate Justice, California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District

**Hon. Paul Turner**, Presiding Justice, California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Five

### 3:30–5:00 p.m. Workshop Session VI

#### **VI-A Solutions for Unintended Bias in Decision Making**

This session will explore current research in the field of social cognition (the study of mental processes that influence social behavior) and its relevance to decision making. Through discussion of such concepts as social categorization and heuristics, in-group favoritism/out-group derogation, unconscious bias, and fundamental attribution error, faculty will suggest strategies for minimizing the potential impact of unintended bias in both judicial and nonjudicial decision making.

**Ms. Kathleen F. Sikora**, Former Sr. Attorney, AOC Education Division

#### **VI-B Juvenile Case Law and Legislation Update** (Repeat of III-A)

This workshop will provide an update of recent case law and legislation related to the juvenile court, focusing primarily on dependency law.

**Hon. Patricia Bresee**, Commissioner (Ret.), Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo

#### **VI-C An Examination of the Welfare and Institutions Code Section 241.1 Process: A View From Within**

Using hypotheticals, a panel of representatives from the Dependency, and Delinquency systems will discuss issues relating to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 241.1 and other crossover issues of the dependency and delinquency systems.

**Mr. Philip Kader**, Probation Services Manager, Fresno County Probation Department

**Hon. Michael Nash**, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

#### **VI-D Guess Who's Coming to Court? Serving California's Changing Litigant Population**

California's courts are serving an increasingly diverse set of litigants—many who have limited English proficiency, come from different cultures with different understandings of the court system, and often don't have counsel to explain the process and represent their interests. What do we know about the demographics of California's litigants, and what are the courts doing to serve them? Who will be the "typical" litigant in 2010? This interactive workshop will allow participants to share their ideas about how to improve services to diverse court customers.

**Ms. Bonnie Hough**, Supervising Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts

**Hon. William J. Murray, Jr.**, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin

**Mr. Don Will**, Supervising Court Services Analyst, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts

**VI-E Probation Past, Probation Present, Probation Future**

This presentation will discuss the findings and recommendations of the Probation Services Task Force, an 18-member body formed to undertake a comprehensive examination of probation in California. The task force conducted extensive research on probation services and examined the governance structure in California and other states. It made great strides toward an improved probation system by examining the history of probation, its current operations, and the significance of probation in the context of the justice system. It elicited broad feedback from a variety of stakeholders through comprehensive outreach and made significant findings and recommendations with regard to funding, the work of probation, employee issues, and probation governance. The panel will encourage audience discussion of the findings, recommendations, and implementation steps.

**Hon. Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian**, Associate Justice, California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District

**Ms. Audrey Evje**, Attorney, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts

**Ms. Elizabeth Howard**, Legislative Analyst, California State Association of Counties

**Mr. Larry R. Price**, Chief Probation Officer, Fresno County Probation Department

**VI-F Juvenile Court Mediation: The Trend Toward a Non-Adversarial Approach to Juvenile Matters**

The juvenile court's perception of its role has changed dramatically over the last century, as has social welfare theory and practice. In the last 10 years, the juvenile court has seen the promulgation of various court-sponsored or court-associated "whole family" approaches that are intended to enhance outcomes for the children and families that appear before it.

This interactive workshop will explore how processes such as mediation have been integrated into the court process and how this approach has affected outcomes for the children and families in the juvenile court. The workshop will focus on juvenile dependency mediation as the primary example of this trend. The panel represents perspectives from the bench, from child welfare, and from advocates for parents and children.

**Moderator: Hon. Leonard P. Edwards**, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara; Immediate Past President, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

**Ms. Kim Harmon**, Dependency Mediation Program Manager, San Francisco Unified Family Court

**Ms. Nancy Asparturian**, Minor's Counsel, Children's Law Center of Los Angeles

**Hon. Rhonda Burgess**, Commissioner, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

**Ms. Eva Chick**, Parent's Attorney, Juvenile Court Bar Association of Los Angeles

**Ms. Robin Sherman Young**, MSW, Supervisor, Family Court Services, Dependency Mediation, Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

**VI-G The Development of Distinct Professional Cultures in Schools of Law and Social Work**

As they sit in the classroom, graduate students in law and social work begin to understand and practice their professional roles. Their relationships with one another and the professor, their terms of address, their use of language, their dress, and other factors all



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contribute to an emerging professional culture. In addition to the technical information taught in classes, the classroom experience communicates ideas about status; beliefs about collaboration with colleagues within and outside of the profession; and expectations about autonomy, discretion, and expertise.

This descriptive, exploratory study was a first attempt to describe how professional training experiences of lawyers and social workers differ not only in content, but also in process. Methods included observing eight law and social work classes using a standardized observation log.

*Ms. Sarah A. Taylor, M.S.W., Graduate Student, University of California at Berkeley*

### **VI-H *Young Men's Work: Stopping Violence/Building Community***



This interactive multicultural workshop looks at tools for helping boys and young men reject traditional male socialization and develop skills for positive communication. The workshop is for counselors, youth workers, teachers, juvenile corrections staff, and parents who want to be allies to young men in stopping violence and building safer communities.

*Mr. Paul Kivel, Violence Prevention Educator and Author, Oakland*

### **VI-I *Youth/Peer Courts: Rural, Urban, and National Perspectives***

Youth/peer courts involve young people in the sentencing of their peers, whether in school or through the juvenile justice system. Most youth/peer courts are based in the juvenile justice system, but many are found in law enforcement agencies and juvenile probation departments. Youth/peer courts, also called teen courts, are emerging as a promising mechanism for holding juvenile offenders accountable and for promoting avenues for positive development. Through the examination of two nationally recognized California programs, this workshop will provide an overview of youth/peer courts, explore the opportunities and challenges facing youth/peer court operations in rural and urban settings, and focus on the integration of youth/peer courts into the juvenile justice system. In addition, a national perspective on the variety and proliferation of youth/peer models around the country and national evaluations will be presented.

*Ms. Paula Bruce, Donald P. McCullum Youth Court, County of Alameda*

*Hon. J. Richard Couzens, Judge, Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, County of Placer*

*Ms. Tracy Godwin Mullins, Director, National Youth Court Center, Lexington, Kentucky*

*Ms. Karen Green, Peer Court Coordinator, Superior Court of California, County of Placer*

*Peer Court Youth Participant, To be announced*

### **VI-J *Establishing Unified Family Courts: Challenges and Solutions***

This workshop will consider the challenges that arise as courts develop various approaches to case management, share information and coordinate multiple cases, and work collaboratively with community agencies. Panelists will discuss promising practices in establishing unified courts and possible ways to address the legal complexities inherent in unifying family and juvenile matters. The discussion will focus both on California courts (including examples from existing unified courts and those participating in the Unified Courts for Families—Mentor Courts project) and courts in other states.

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**Ms. Julia Weber**, *Supervising Court Services Analyst, AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

**Ms. Sandy Neidert**, *MSW, Office of the State Courts Administrator, Florida*

### **VI-K California Youth Authority Parenting Programs**




The California Department of the Youth Authority's parenting programs are based on the belief that child maltreatment is closely linked to later delinquency and can be prevented; that young parents must be accountable to their parenting obligations; and that being an involved parent is good for self-esteem and can be a motivating factor in leading a successful life. This workshop will provide an overview of parenting programs in Youth Authority institutions, camps, and parole offices, as well as Youth Authority-funded programs in county probation departments and county offices of education throughout the state. Guest speakers will be invited to share their experiences delivering core Youth Authority parenting programs, and a young parent will share the impact of the program on his or her parenting skills.

**Mr. Leland Daniels**, *Mentor Coordinator, Young Men as Fathers Program, Riverside County Office of Education/Alternatives in Education*

**Ms. Susan Hill**, *Consultant, Instructor, Children's Institute International, Los Angeles*

**Dr. Kip Lowe**, *Deputy Director, California Department of the Youth Authority*

**Ms. Suzanne E. Neuhaus**, *MA, PA II, Delinquency Prevention Specialist, Office of Prevention and Victims Services, California Department of the Youth Authority*

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